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Examiner: Raymond J. HENLEY III

Title: KETOPROFEN POWDER FOR ORAL USE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

This paper is timely-filed in response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2002. No petition for extension of time is required. In reply to the above-mentioned office action, please amend the application as follows, and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

The following are "clean" versions of referenced claims being amended. A "marked-up" version of these claims is attached.

Please amend the claims as follows:

A 1

2. (Once Amended) The pharmaceutical solution of claim 1, wherein the edible base is selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, sodium sulfate, and potassium sulfate.

A 2

19. (Once Amended) A method for preparing a water-soluble ingestible form of ketoprofen comprising the following steps:

- (a) mixing ketoprofen and an edible weak base in a ratio of 1:10 by weight;
- (b) adding a flavoring agent.